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Mr. Bumsoo Kum advises and represents clients on disputes, investigations, and regulatory matters involving the defense industry and government contracts. His practice covers a broad range of matters, including liquidated damages, debarment and other restrictions on participation in public procurement, defense cost accounting, defense exports, intellectual property, and legislative matters. He also represents clients in criminal investigations and proceedings arising out of defense procurement and other defense-industry matters.

Prior to joining Jipyong, Mr. Kum served at Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA), where he worked on defense acquisition program management, defense-related litigation, and defense exports, developing extensive expertise across a broad range of defense-related matters. He currently serves as a member of DAPA's Contract Review Committee and as an advisor to its Maneuver Program Department. He also has substantial experience in corruption investigations and criminal litigation, having served as a special investigator on the special counsel team.

Mr. Kum holds the nationally accredited Cost Analyst credential, a professional qualification relevant to defense cost accounting. He also earned a Ph.D. in Law from Seoul National University School of Law, where his doctoral research focused on trade secret protection frameworks and intellectual property disputes in defense acquisition programs.

Education

2024	Seoul National University School of Law (Ph. D in Law)
2013	Seoul National University School of Law (J.D.)

2007	Seoul National University (B.A. in Economics)

Experience

2026-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2026-Present	Member of the Contract Review Committee, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2026-Present	Advisor, Maneuver Program Department, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2025-2026	Special Investigator (Grade 3, Extraordinary Civil Service), Office of the Independent Counsel
2024-2025	Assistant Director responsible for Defense Exports to the Middle East, Middle East and Africa Cooperation Division, Office of the Director General for International Cooperation, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2021-2024	Assistant Director responsible for Litigation Oversight, Innovation, Administration, and Legal Affairs Division, Office of the Director General for Planning, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2019-2021	Assistant Director responsible for IPT, Firearms Programs Team, Firepower Program Department, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2017-2019	Assistant Director responsible for Maneuver and Firepower Programs Management, Maneuver Equipment Programs Team, Maneuver Program Department, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2013-2017	Expert Advisor (Team Leader), Seoul National University Tech Holdings

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2024	A Study on Defense Intellectual Property Policy - Focusing on Defense Force Improvement Projects, Journal of Law (Chungnam National University), Vol. 35, No. 4
2024	A Study on the Issues of Intellectual Property Rights in Defense Acquisition Program, Doctoral Dissertation, Seoul National University School of Law

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2021	Certified Cost Analyst
2014	Member of Korea Patent Attorneys Association
2013	Korea

Languages

Korean / English

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